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SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION-POSSIBLE VETO

AT A REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP MEETING THIS MORNING, THE PRESIDENT INDICATED HE WILL LIKELY VETO THE FY 76 SECURITY ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION BILL. (THIS IS THE COMPANION TO THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL WITH ITS TRANSITION QUARTER FUNDS ON WHICH THE PRESIDENT EARLIER SIGNED A VETO.) FOLLOWING THE MEETING, THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN WHIP, ROBERT MICHEL, REPORTED THIS TO THE PRESS.

TOMORROW WHEN THE CONFERENCE REPORT IS CONSIDERED BY THE FULL HOUSE, THERE WILL BE A MOTION TO RECOMMIT IT TO THE CONFEREES. THE CONFEREES COULD THEN ELIMINATE MANY OF THE OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES OF THE BILL. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE MOTION TO RECOMMIT FAIL, THE ADMINISTRATION IS ADVISING HOUSE MEMBERS TO OPPOSE THE CONFERENCE REPORT. IF THIS ALSO FAILS, THE PRESIDENT WILL PROBABLY VETO. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT A VETO CAN BE OVERRIDDEN.

IN THIS EVENT, THE TWO MOST PROBABLE ALTERNATIVES ARE:

(A) A CONTINUING RESOLUTION, AMENDED TO INCLUDE
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INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE MIDDLE EAST, OR

(B) A RELATIVELY "CLEAN BILL" QUICKLY ADOPTED BY THE
HIRC AND THE FULL HOUSE, WITH SIMILAR ACTION FOLLOWING
IN THE SENATE.

PENDING RESOLUTION OF THIS QUESTION, CONSIDERATION OF THE
APPROPRIATION CONFERENCE REPORT HAS BEEN POSTPONED. SISCO

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